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HAPPENED and HAPPENING

OR EXPECTED TO HAPPEN

SOME LOCAL AND COUNTY NEWS IN PELLET FORM

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Morris, of Mexico, a daughter.

Mexico churches contributed \$32 toward charity Thanksgiving Day.

Miss Edith Hurley of Perry is attending the Mexico public schools.

Dr. W. H. Douglass of Benton City was last week sworn in as Coroner of Audrain county.

Father J. J. Dillon held special services at St. Brendan's Catholic church in Mexico Thanksgiving Day.

Geo. W. Randle sold 20 acres of unimproved land near Worcester last week to Rev. Godrid Doernburg of Columbia, Ill., for \$900.

The Mexico M. E. church, South, is arranging for a fund for the full support of a missionary in a foreign field. The missionary may go from Mexico.

The Mexico High School football team went down Thanksgiving Day and contested with the Vandalia eleven. Mexico came out ahead 10 to 0.

John, Josh and Sam Burks and George Bright, all colored, charged with the killing of Tom Spurre, colored, will have no preliminary trial. The Circuit Court will hear their case in January.

Emmett Cunningham, late of Mexico, now located at Des Moines, Iowa, was seriously stricken last week with appendicitis. Dr. E. S. Cave of this city made a trip to Des Moines to see him.

Mr. J. N. Baskett will deliver his lecture, "The Explorations of Lewis and Clark," at the Promenade Methodist church in Mexico tonight. Mr. Baskett delivered this lecture on Lewis and Clark Day at the World's Fair recently.

The State of Missouri has offered a reward of \$100 for the apprehension of the assassin of Lafayette Newkirk, killed on the street near his home in this city the night of August 24, 1901. Audrain county offers \$100 and W. E. Newkirk, a son, offers \$1,000; so that the total reward offered now is \$1,200. No arrests for this killing were ever made.

Rev. A. A. Wallace, of the Presbyterian church, preached the union Thanksgiving sermon for the protestant churches of Mexico. The service was at the Baptist church. The building was crowded to the doors with earnest hearers. The text was: "Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."

Martinsburg Enterprise: W. E. Young, of near Laddonia, came to town very hurriedly last Friday to summon medical aid for his little boy who had playfully stuffed a bean into his nostrils. Shortly after Mr. Young arrived here he was informed that the doctor's services were not needed as the mother had extricated the bean with little difficulty. Mr. Young informed the Enterprise that he intends leaving for Washington the latter part of this month.

A Tacky Party.

A correspondent writes the following to the Auxvasse Review: Rush Hill, Mo., Nov. 20, 1904.—Last Saturday evening a number of jolly boys and girls gathered at the home of our esteemed neighbor, C. H. Bradley and wife who recently moved here from Bachelor, Callaway county. What is termed a "Tacky Party" was given in honor of their daughter, Erie. Each boy and girl tried to see how outlandish they could make their costumes. Those who made a success of their costumes were: Ollie and Erie Bradley, Ethel Feutz, Tuck and Ella Harper, Eva Sipple, Pearl Stuart, Ettie Williams, Mabel Green, Lillie Crawford, James Doolin, William Coleman, Clark Sims, Luther Sims, Oscar Franklin, Fred Feutz, Art Goolsby, Luther, Fred and Willis Dudley, John Rosser, Charley Maxwell, Everett Ham and a host of others who did not dress tacky. Good music was rendered on the organ and French harp. Two little girls attracted the attention of the crowd by some beautiful dancing. All had a merry time and enjoyed the fun and amusement until Mrs. Bradley notified the young people that Sunday was approaching, when they reluctantly departed for their homes. All were well pleased with the entertainment and thanked Mr. and Mrs. Bradley for their kindness.

The judges were Mrs. J. A. Goolsby and Miss Mattie Pasley. They gave the pickle dish to Miss Lillie Crawford and the cob pipe to James Doolin for being the greatest success in their tacky suit.

PRAIRIE LEA.

Stock water is getting scarce. Tom Thumb, the Ledger correspondent, has been at the World's Fair.

Lock Nolen of St. Louis was visiting Mrs. J. P. Sullivan.

E. B. Sellard bought 700 bu. of corn of C. Skinner at 35 cents per bushel.

James Fawcett is taking in the nights in St. Louis.

Henry Kunkel was on the Lea last Tuesday.

Mr. Peare is building a large cattle barn for Fred Norris.

A. Warshaw has built him a new house.

Philip Shire and family spent Sunday with J. Gardner and family.

Jes Warshaw and wife spent Sunday in Mexico with his wife's parents.

Anybody skunks to skin, take them to George Gardner and Kombrink.

E. B. Sellard sold a suckling colt for \$100.

Jerry Dermody and Bill Pratt were out Thanksgiving for a hunt. The boys are both good shots. Jerry made it hot for the quail and Bill played food ball with the rabbits.

A Mexico Prescher.

Centralia, Mo., Nov. 24.—The Rev. A. W. Kokendoff of Mexico, Mo., who preached the union Thanksgiving sermon at the M. E. church, South, in this city today, stated that the people of Missouri, irrespective of party, had especial reason to be thankful, since righteousness had prevailed in the recent election in that the people stood for the principle represented by Joseph W. Folk.

NURSE DIES.

Miss May Rutter Sacrifices Her Life.

Miss May Rutter, 31 years of age, daughter of Mr. John W. Rutter, Superintendent of the County Poor Farm, is dead from the effects of smallpox. The death occurred last Wednesday, the 23rd inst.

Miss Rutter had come to Mexico to care for the smallpox infected families of R. S. and Wm. McKinney. The suffering of the little McKinney children was unmeasured, and Miss Rutter forgot her own welfare and safety to administer to their sufferings.

We understand that it was against the wishes and advice of Miss Rutter's relatives that she volunteered her service. It was a commendable zeal, but it was also an awful penalty.

Deceased leaves the father, J. W. Rutter, and three brothers—John, of Mexico; Charles, of Centralia, and Frank, of St. Louis.

The burial was at Thompson, near where deceased was born and raised.

This sad death reminds us of the passage and its connections in Holy Writ: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these ye have done it also unto Me."

Here's Some Truth.

How such papers as the Mexico MESSAGE, Vandalia Mail, Troy Free Press and Vandalia Leader and others of like calibre can be published for \$1.00 per year is beyond our comprehension. These papers are not excelled in any portion of Missouri, or the country over, for that matter, and hundreds of people throughout the United States are paying \$1.50 and two dollars for sheets that could not hold a candle to these papers.—Martinsburg Enterprise.

After reading the above, if you owe the MESSAGE anything on subscription, dear reader, please do not make it any more embarrassing for us, kindly come in and "even up." We appreciate what the Enterprise says. The Enterprise itself is a good local paper, going at a dollar, and it knows what's what.

SHORT-HORN SALE.

S. P. Emmons' Twentieth Annual Consignment.

S. P. Emmons held his 20th annual Shorthorn cattle sale in Mexico last Friday. There was a large attendance of buyers, both local and from a distance.

Besides S. P. Emmons the following had consignments: Hopkins & Carter, C. F. Clark & Son, Pollock & Muir, Thomas Bedford, S. W. Roberts, A. H. Williams, J. R. Brown, D. C. Owen, J. T. Johnson, R. P. Moore, J. W. Holloway and B. A. Brown.

Emmons' consignment was 26 head, selling at an average price of \$77. The other consignments sold on about the same average.

The highest priced animal sold was purchased by Judge J. E. Sims, of Gaut. It was the property of S. P. Emmons, red bull, Barnhampton Count, calved 1904, selling for \$230.

The stock did not bring as good prices as the consigners had hoped for. A Shorthorn is the animal. Audrain farmers should wake up to the importance of this stock; at these sales the foreign buyer bids better and gets too many of the sales.

Rev. E. E. Bradley, attending school at LaGrange, Mo., is a new reader of the MESSAGE.

A Fiendish Deed.

Taken from the Sedalia Capital: From a quiet home farm to a maniac's cell Miss Jewell Geharty, a pretty Missouri girl, was sent this week as the result of a snake bite. The girl is the victim of a deed that is fiendish in its cruelty.

The family had, but recently moved from another state, the young lady leaving behind her a sweetheart whom she had refused to marry. When she refused him the young man vowed revenge, but the girl paid no attention, thinking the threat an idle one.

After coming to Missouri, the girl almost forgot her former lover but the young man did not forget. Several weeks ago a box came by express to Miss Geharty. Being notified that the box was there, her brother drove to town and conveyed it to the farm. It was a stout wooden box and her brother pried the cover off with a chisel.

Within the wooden box was a small card board box securely tied with heavy cord, and this Miss Geharty lifted out. The box was quite heavy, and with a girl's curiosity to know what her present was, she set it on a table and cut the cords that tied it.

Stooping low she lifted the cover. Her mother and brother who were standing by were startled by a fearful scream and the girl fell to the floor in convulsions with a monstrous rattle snake hanging by its fangs which were fastened in her cheek. The greatly frightened, the mother and brother succeeded in tearing the snake away and killing it. A physician was summoned at once and in the meantime the brother took out his pocket knife and cut out the flesh in the cheek where the snake's fangs had been. His prompt action probably saved the girl's life.

When the physician came antidotes were administered, but Miss Geharty went from one convulsion to another until she was quieted by the opiates. After she had grown quieter a search was instituted to find if possible who had sent the box. Although there was no positive proof against the young man whom she had refused to marry circumstances pointed to him as the guilty party. The box was sent from the town in which he lived and suspicion was fixed upon him.

When the girl came from under the influence of the opiates she was violently insane and remained so. She imagines the snake is still hanging to her face and attacks the people who come near her. The family feared she might do herself and others harm and it was deemed best to send her to a private sanitarium for treatment. Physicians say she may recover.

5 per cent money to loan on farms.

W. ARTHUR SHARP.

We see it is stated that Mark Twain's Cave, near Hannibal, is doomed. The big cement works, built nearby will soon grind up the limestone walls into unromantic building material. This cave was made famous by the great humorist as the place where Tom Sawyer and Becky Thatcher got lost, and where "Injun Joe" starved to death. It does not consist of large halls, but rather of narrow and crooked aisles, running in all directions under the river bluffs. It is said that some of these aisles run down under the Mississippi as far as the Illinois shore, and tourists have declared that while exploring them they have heard the throb of steamers overhead.

All kinds town property for sale and money to loan, lowest prevailing rates.

W. ARTHUR SHARP.

Technically Trained Men in Many Lines Are in Demand

By WILLIAM W. CROSBY,
Principal of the Lowell Textile School.



THE fact that sciences and mathematics were so late in developing makes it clear to see why the classics and so-called culture studies received so large an amount of attention in the curricula of the earliest schools and colleges. To-day we recognize in the sciences means for the very best mental development, and also means for supplying the wants, to say nothing of the luxuries, of everyday life. There never was a time in the history of the world when the development of technical studies was carried to such an extent as now, and in these same studies there is the foundation of nearly all that conduces to our material welfare.

In motive powers we find that the waterfall was one of the earliest forces to be harnessed, and that even to this day it forms an important source of power. There was a time when the water wheel was falling rather into disuse, except upon streams and water courses which were very near the point where the power was used, and that by the development of electrical machinery with what science has taught in the matter of insulating electrical conductors, it is now possible to use the remote waterfall and transmit its energy to a distant point where it may be used profitably. For over a century steam has been of great importance and still holds a foremost place, but the development of the reciprocating steam engine itself has been most remarkable. Hero's engine known to antiquity was but a toy up to within a decade, yet to-day the steam turbine is attracting the attention of our leading engineers; and users of large amounts of power, such as our electric light corporations and traction companies, are using this new machine to drive the generators.

From Franklin's kite and key to the modern electric automobile, rolling smoothly along the road, is a long step; and again, we owe it to science that the development of the electric current has made this possible. Then there is our means for signalling and transmitting thoughts from continent to continent by means of the cable; there is the telegraph for land; there is the telephone; there is the modern system of submarine signalling, whereby a ship may locate at a distance of several miles the position of a shoal marked by a submarine bell—to say nothing of the means by which we signal without conductors, making use of the higher wave vibrations.

We are completing more bridges every year, longer in span and capable of carrying greater loads than ever before, and we are burrowing under the earth and under the harbors to secure quicker and more direct communication between the different sections of our cities. Land is becoming more valuable, and where once as the height of the building increased, so we increased the thickness of the wall to carry the added load, now we change the construction of our buildings so that we may waste as little as possible of the land and yet carry our buildings higher. Where once we were well satisfied with the several chemicals of nature, or those which required but a comparatively small amount of manipulation, now we are making synthetically, a purer and cheaper chemical than we once obtained directly from nature.

Once, the skins of animals served man as clothing, but now the highest skill is commanded to produce for him fabrics varied in texture and ornamented to please his eye; and the textile industries alone demand the services of those skilled and trained in designing, harmony of color, mechanics, heat, light, electricity and chemistry. It is a fact worthy of note that most of the dyestuffs of the present time are by-products of gas works coming from the oils carried by the coal tar being made serviceable for the dyer and printer by the chemist. The indigo plantations in India have been seriously affected by the production of artificial indigo, this being made from the coal tar and requiring the services of trained chemists.

Through all the example cited, it is to be seen that an increasing number of technically trained men is demanded by the industries, and as new applications of the forces of nature are made, opportunity for advancement is offered to those who are willing to apply themselves to the solution of the problems involved. If there were no more to do than replace wornout or broken constructions, these fields would have little interest, but it is the fresh developments that add fresh interest, and these applications demand the very best energies that a man can possess.

"Frenzied Finance."

Thomas W. Lawson in Everybody's Magazine writes a story on frenzied finance, that is creating a mighty interest all over the country. He tells of the wholesale buying and selling of senators and representatives in the commonwealth of Massachusetts—they are bought "as fish are bought and sold." Boodlers are loose in the Paritan State life-size. The Missouri situation is not a comparison. In closing one of his paragraphs Mr. Lawson says:

The Massachusetts Legislature is bought and sold as are sausages and fish at the markets and wharves, that the largest, wealthiest, and most prominent corporations in New England, whose affairs are conducted by our most representative citizens, habitually corrupt the Massachusetts legislature, and the man of wealth among them who would utter protest

against the iniquity would be looked on as a "class anarchist." I will go further and say that if in New England a man of the type of Folk, of Missouri, can be found who will give over six months to turning up the legislative and Boston municipal sod of the past ten years, who does not expose to the world a condition of rottenness more rotten than was ever before exhibited in any community in the civilized world, it will be because he has been suffocated by the stench of what he exhumes.

Married.

At noon Nov. 22nd, 1904. Mr. A. O. Alexander and Miss Maudie John Elkes, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Elkes of Laddonia, were united in marriage. H. B. Rice pronouncing the words which made two happy hearts beat as one. The guests were then ushered to the dining room, where a sumptuous dinner was served.

The marriage was a quiet affair, only the families and a few friends being present. They were the recipients of presents dainty and useful.

Mr. Alexander is one of Laddonia's popular and successful business men, and has chosen for his bride one of our most worthy and popular girls, and for them we predict a happy and successful life.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander took the afternoon train for the World's Fair, where they will spend their honeymoon, and return to Laddonia to settle down as Old Folks.

May only shadows enough fall across their pathway to brighten the sunshine of a life's pilgrimage.

H. B. RICE.

Carl Smith of Santa Fe called on the MESSAGE last Thursday, renewing subscription for the paper to his mother Mrs. Sarah E. Smith.

Some nice lots in east end town for sale. W. ARTHUR SHARP.

Young men, save money. For winter schooling, whether commercial or other studies, attend Westminster College at Fulton, Mo. Enter any time Write for Bulletin 4w

A Veteran Democrat.

Some friend at Helena, Montana, sends the MESSAGE a copy of the Washington Post with the following marked paragraph:

Ex-Secretary Root arrived in Washington yesterday, having come from New York to attend the ceremonies of the unveiling of the statue of Frederick the Great. Speaking of the recent election, Mr. Root paid a tribute to Senator Cockrell:

"I suppose," he said, "that the republican legislature of Missouri is bound to send a Republican to the United States Senate, but I would be pleased if partisanship could be forgotten long enough to retain in the public service a man who is as deserving as Senator Cockrell. His long experience, his ability, his industry and attention to business, his high sense of public duty, and his standing as a citizen makes him an invaluable public official. No man will be a greater loss to the public services than Senator Cockrell. As a Republican, opposed to him in politics, I can say that I sincerely regret that the government is to lose a man like Senator Cockrell."

See W. Arthur Sharp before buying or renting a farm. He knows the country and will treat you right.

Sheridan Plouffe parable: And it came to pass that after he had advertised his goods there came unto him a great multitude from all the regions round about and did buy of him. And when his competitors saw it they marvelled among themselves saying: "Howbeit that this man is so busy while we loaf around our doors?" And he spake unto them saying: "Verily, verily, I say unto you it is easier for a camel to enter the eye of a needle than for a business man to flourish without advertising."

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